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KHPA Seeks Nominations for Three Advisory Councils

(TOPEKA) – The Kansas Health Policy Authority is seeking nominations to fill open seats on three of its advisory councils: the Consumer Council; Provider Council; and Purchaser Council.

These councils were established by the KHPA Board to provide guidance in developing health policy for the state and recommendations for the governor and legislature to consider. The goal for each council is to ensure that health care consumers, providers, advocates, insurance carriers and businesses are adequately represented as the KHPA Board develops policies and recommendations.

Since their inception in 2007, a number of seats have become vacant due to turnover and other events. In addition, the Board decided recently to expand the councils by adding two seats to each.

The public nomination process began Wednesday, Oct. 15, and runs through 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, 2008. Anyone interested in nominating someone, or themselves, for a Council membership may do so by sending a letter of nomination and resume to Fran Breyne, Director of Communications, Kansas Health Policy Authority, 900 SW Jackson Ave., Suite, 900, Topeka, KS, 66612. Nominations may also be submitted by email to Fran.Breyne@khp.ks.gov.

At the end of the nomination process, KHPA staff and the Board will review applications and make recommendations for additional members. Because there is no scheduled December 2008 Board meeting, these recommendations will be shared with the board via email during December 2008 for their review and revision. The newly revised Council membership will be approved at the January 2009 Board meeting.

More information on the nominating process and the advisory councils can be found at the KHPA website: <http://www.khp.ks.gov/AuthorityBoard/Advisory%20Councils/default.htm>.

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